

"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord"

St. John the Baptist Parish
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Fourth Sunday of Lent – "C"
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March 30, 2025
102nd year of service

Events for the week:

Sun., 3/30/25 – IV Sunday of Lent

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for
+John Michael Stabinsky, of. by Parents.

Mon., 3/31/25 – *Lenten Weekday*

8:15AM – Requiem Holy Mass for
+Father Jan Kość

Wed., 4/2/25 – *Lenten Weekday*

1:00PM – Monthly meeting of the Parish
Committee

6:00PM – Lenten Ecumenical Service

Thu., 4/3/25 – *Lenten Weekday*

Holy Mass for God's blessing for the
PNCC Clergy

Fri., 4/4/25 – *Lenten Weekday* – **First Friday of the month**

8:15AM – Holy Mass and Litany to the
SHofJ

5:30PM – The Way of the Cross

Rejoice Jerusalem – and all who love her! Today we keep mid-Lent Sunday and are reminded that the purpose of all our devotion, our prayer and our Christian living can be summed up in the one word "rejoice!". The gladness and joy and peace which is brought to us in Christ means that each and every day – as difficult as it may be – should be marked by a generosity of spirit.

I Reading: Joshua 5:9, 10-12

II Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son."

**Next Sunday, April 6: Passion Sunday -
V Sunday of Lent**

10:00AM - Holy Mass, intention: for
+John David's family.

- *Confession.*
- *Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.*
- *Collection for missions.*
- *Confirmation class.*



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE
SICK** – especially for: Jean

Keim – Marjorie Dean –
Elaine Antalosky – Josephine

Hause. *H & R Center Tremont*: Dolores
Halaburda. *Rehab. & Nursing Center
Pottsville, PA* – Thomas Justen.
Shenandoah Manor – Betty Brazausky
(A-14)

But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate. ‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.” ‘The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.”’

FUTURE EVENTS

April 20 – Resurrection of the Lord Solemnity

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Thanks go out to: Organist, Choir Members, lector, collector, and the Sunday greeters.

PROJECTED FUNDRAISERS:

50/50 chances, sticky bun sale (with Methodist Church), Chicken dinner (August), stuff shells sale (September), Halushkie sale (October), Sticks sale...

COUNTRY MEATS order form – is available in the vestibule of the church; **\$1.50 each stick.**

MINISTERIUM LENTEN SERVICES (begin at 6:00PM)

April 2 – Trinity Evangelical Church – Pastor David Davis preaches

April 9 – First United Methodist Church

HISTORY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION of the PNCC Scholars Conference 2025

I kindly ask that you share the following announcement with your congregation and members of your community who may appreciate and enjoy the **Polish National Catholic Church's 2025 Scholars' Conference, Saturday, April 26th.**

This year's conference features a distinguished group of presenters from Warsaw, Poland; Rome, Italy; Florida; Massachusetts; Pennsylvania; and Ohio. Their topics reflect a broad range of theological, historical, and pastoral insights, and are outlined in the attachment for your reference.

Thank you in advance for your support in helping us spread the word and enrich the intellectual and spiritual life of our wider Church community.

With gratitude,

Father Jim Ploskonka, PhD

Chair, Scholars' Conference

Polish National Catholic Church

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89032002553?pwd=RD6YIn3ByUyEzxeU4ZyZ6NZMAeSIYT.I>

24th Mission & Evangelism Workshop will be held on **Friday, May 30 through Sunday, June 1, 2025** at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Denver, CO.

Hotel accommodation: **Hampton Inn & Suites Denver-Cherry Creek, 4150 East Kentucky Ave., Glendale, CO 80246**. Please use the hotel code **M&E 2025** when making reservations. To make your reservation, contact the hotel directly at (303) 692-1800, or www.sfdenver.org/mission-and-evangelism. The deadline for registration is **Tuesday, May 13, 2025**. The cut-off deadline date for obtaining the guaranteed room rate of 30 double queens or 10 king size, \$120.00, plus tax is **Thursday, May 1, 2025**.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS – in case of your inability to come to church on any particular Sunday, please mail or submit your Sunday offerings and donations to our parish. Your church needs your financial support in order to pay utilities and expenses.